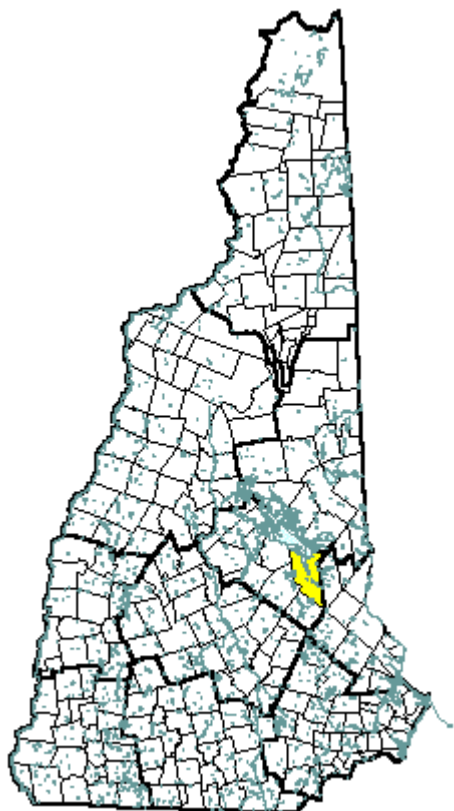


Alton, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Belknap
Wolfeboro NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Belknap County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1
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District 4
Belknap County District 5

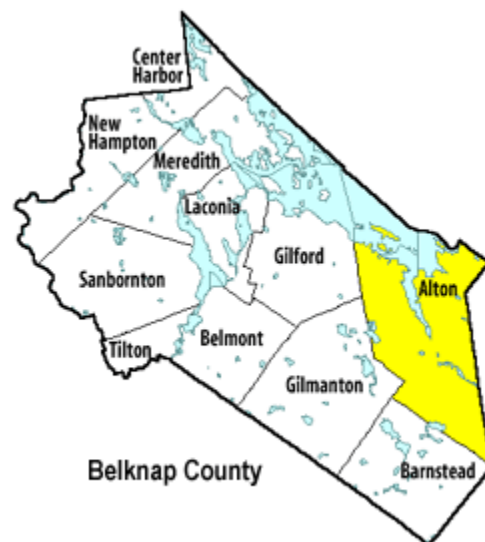
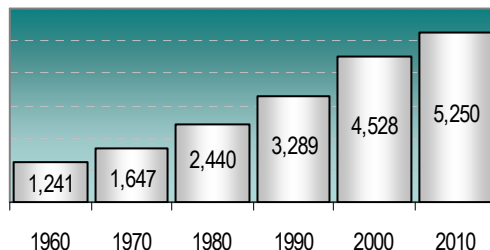
Incorporated: 1796

Origin: Originally called New Durham Gore, the town was settled by a group from Roxbury, Massachusetts. There were already two towns named Roxbury in New England, so the town was incorporated as Alton in honor of a prominent family from Roxbury. The town's boundary envelopes the five-mile long Alton Bay, southeastern point of Lake Winnepesaukee, and includes the southern side of Wolfeboro Harbor and all of the largest islands in the southeast end of the lake. Alton's 19.3 square miles of inland water area is the highest among the cities and towns in New Hampshire.

Villages and Place Names: Alton Bay, East Alton, Mount Major, South Alton, West Alton

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 445 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Alton totaled 4,009 over 50 years, from 1,241 in 1960 to 5,250 in 2010. The largest decennial percent change was a 48 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by 35 percent and 38 percent increases over the next two decades. The 2010 Census estimate for Alton was 5,250 residents, which ranked 64th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (*US Census Bureau*): 83.5 persons per square mile of land area. Alton contains 62.9 square miles of land area and 19.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2011	\$7,854,554
Budget: School Appropriations, 2009	\$12,949,663
Zoning Ordinance	1970/09
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Budget; Checklist; Trust Funds; Water; Zoning
Appointed:	Conservation; Parks & Recreation; Levey Park; Milfoil; Energy

Public Library **Gilman**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full & part-time
Fire Department	Municipal
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro	11 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop; Wolfeboro
	Electric
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Alton Water Works
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint; TDS
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Yes
	Residential Yes

PROPERTY TAXES *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2010 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$12.21
2010 Equalization Ratio	98.3
2010 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$11.98

2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	95.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.4%

HOUSING *(ACS 2006-2010)*

Total Housing Units	4,237
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	3,705
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	69
Five or More Units in Structure	173
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	290

DEMOGRAPHICS*(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2010	5,250	60,088
2000	4,528	56,576
1990	3,289	49,294
1980	2,440	42,884
1970	1,647	32,367

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010

Population by Gender		
Male	2,521	Female 2,652

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	238
Age 5 to 19	943
Age 20 to 34	658
Age 35 to 54	1,415
Age 55 to 64	938
Age 65 and over	981
Median Age	45.9 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	90.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	29.0%

INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ *(ACS 2006-2010)*

Per capita income	\$30,496
Median 4-person family income	\$60,363
Median household income	\$57,560

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$45,021
Female	\$35,982

Families below the poverty level	3.5%
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LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2000	2010
Civilian labor force	2,440	2,770
Employed	2,379	2,620
Unemployed	61	150
Unemployment rate	2.5%	5.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	58	78
Average Weekly Wage	\$471	\$793
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	452	610
Average Weekly Wage	\$343	\$502
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	510	688
Average Weekly Wage	\$358	\$535
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	178	329
Average Weekly Wage	\$469	\$672
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	688	1,017
Average Weekly Wage	\$386	\$579

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend: **Alton operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are jointly managed with Barnstead (JMA)** District: **SAU 72**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Region 9 Vocational Technical Center, Wolfeboro** Region: **09**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1		1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-8		9-12	
Total Enrollment	549		547	

2011 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*): Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **97**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Alton	Municipal services	140	1796
Alton School Department	Education	116	1797
McDonald's	Fast food restaurant	50	1995
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	38FT & 94 PT	2006
Dunkin' Donuts	Donut shop	20	1996
Water Industries	Commercial pumping systems	20	1963
Alton Home & Lumber	Hardware & lumber sales	10	1994
Christian Conference Center	Recreational, campground	8	1863
Blake Equipment	Water pumps	5	1998

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access US Routes
 State Routes **11, 11D, 28, 28A, 140**
 Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-93, Exit 20**
 Distance **28 miles**

Railroad **No**
 Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Laconia Municipal Runway **5,286 ft. asphalt**
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance **45 miles**
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **6**

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH **40 miles**
 Portland, Maine **69 miles**
 Boston, Mass. **91 miles**
 New York City, NY **304 miles**
 Montreal, Quebec **254 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2006-2010*)

Workers 16 years and over
 Drove alone, car/truck/van **83.3%**
 Carpooled, car/truck/van **3.3%**
 Public transportation **0.0%**
 Walked **3.3%**
 Other means **0.0%**
 Worked at home **10.2%**
 Mean Travel Time to Work **27.2 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010

Working in community of residence **34.5%**
 Commuting to another NH community **64.6%**
 Commuting out-of-state **0.9%**

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X Municipal Parks
X YMCA/YWCA
 Boys Club/Girls Club
 Golf Courses
 Swimming: Indoor Facility
 Swimming: Outdoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
 Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
 Bowling Facilities
X Museums
 Cinemas
 Performing Arts Facilities
X Tourist Attractions
X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X Youth Sports: Baseball
X Youth Sports: Soccer
 Youth Sports: Football
X Youth Sports: Basketball
 Youth Sports: Hockey
X Campgrounds
X Fishing/Hunting
X Boating/Marinas
X Snowmobile Trails
 Bicycle Trails
X Cross Country Skiing
X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
 Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**

Other: **Boat Launch; Town Docks; Swim Dock; Public Beach in Picnic Area; B&M RR; Old Home Days; Mt. Washington Dock**